

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 8, add new Claim 12, and cancel original Claim 9 as follows.

For the Examiner's convenience, a complete claim listing is presented below.

1. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a blood chunk comprising:

heating a blood fraction; adding hydrogen peroxide; and compressing the resulting reaction product to form a chunk having a laminar structure.

2. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1 in which the blood fraction is a hæmoglobin fraction.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claims 1 or 2 in which the compression is carried out at a temperature greater than 60EC.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claims 1 or 2 in which the compressed product is dried.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claims 1 or 2 further comprising steaming the reaction product of the blood fraction and the hydrogen peroxide.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claims 1 or 2 in which the hydrogen peroxide is added to the blood fraction at least 0.5% (by weight).

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claims 1 or 2 in which the blood fraction is heated to between 60EC and 80EC before addition of the hydrogen peroxide.

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claims 1 or 2 in which the blood fraction comprises at least 10%, ~~preferably at least 15%~~, protein by weight.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled.)

11. (Cancelled.)

12. (New) A method according to claims 1 or 2 in which the blood fraction comprises at least 15% protein by weight.